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Enclosed is an Interview Summary for filing via facsimile.

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Examiner : Ruixian Li  
For : MEMBRANE SCAFFOLD PROTEINS  
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## INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed November 21, 2005, Applicants respectfully provide the following summary of the personal interview held November 15, 2005.

Participants included the undersigned (Donna M. Ferber, agent of record), Stephen Sligar (inventor), David W. Clough, Ruxiang Li and Anthony Caputa.

Applicants appreciate the time and thoughtful advice provided by the Examiner and his supervisor.

Application No. 09/990,087  
Amendment dated November 15, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of August 31, 2005

The prior art cited by the Examiner was discussed, along with the dictionary definition of "artificial", a Science news article featuring the nanoscale particles of the present invention, the Declaration of Daniel Oprian, the Declaration of Roger VanHoy, and the award won by Stephen Sligar's graduate student at a national meeting. The Examiner agreed to consider an amendment of the claims to limit artificial membrane scaffold proteins to those lacking the globular N-terminal domain of human apolipoprotein A1. The substance of the discussion with the Examiner is set forth in the Amendment filed November 15, 2005.

#### Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and early notification thereof is requested.

If, in the interest of expediting prosecution, the Examiner has questions or comments, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

It is believed that the present submission does not necessitate a petition for extension of time or the payment of any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17. If this is incorrect, however, please consider this response to include the petition for the time necessary for a timely response and charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in fees pursuant to the foregoing Rules to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,



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